



# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

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Marine Corps League  
Military Order of the  
Purple Heart  
Military Officers Association  
of America  
Military Order of the  
World Wars  
National Association for  
Uniformed Services  
Navy Seabee Veterans of  
America  
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Officers Association  
Paralyzed Veterans of  
America  
Reserve Officers Association  
Roanoke Valley Veterans  
Council  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Virginia Army/Air National  
Guard Enlisted  
Association  
Virginia National Guard  
Association  
Women Marines Association*

**Adopted  
July 16, 2014**

## Summary of 2015 Initiatives

<i><b>Initiative</b></i>	<i><b>Recommendation</b></i>
<b>JLC 2015-01</b>	That the Governor and General Assembly support the hiring, training, and retention of Department of Veterans Services (DVS) claims agents by approving additional funding in FY16.
<b>JLC 2015-02</b>	That the Governor and General Assembly support the delivery of mental health and rehabilitative services for Virginia veterans, Guardsmen, Reservists, and family members through continued and increased funding for the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) in the FY16 budget
<b>JLC 2015-03</b>	That the Governor and General Assembly authorize five additional positions for the Virginia War Memorial in FY16 and appropriate the necessary funding for these positions.
<b>JLC 2015-04</b>	That the Governor and the General Assembly support the further reduction of veteran homelessness by approving additional funding in FY16 for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to support increases in general statewide homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing funding to help veterans living in rural areas and/or ineligible for VA services.</li> <li>DHCD for development of a statewide homeless data warehouse system to permit a better understanding of the needs of veterans accessing mainstream homeless services.</li> <li>DVS/VWWP to add three new Housing Resource Specialist (HRS) positions in order to expand coverage to Roanoke and Northern Virginia, and to add a second HRS position in Hampton Roads.</li> <li>DVS/VWWP to add one position to work with the criminal justice system to facilitate statewide coordination of federal, state, and community resources.</li> </ol>
<b>JLC 2015-05</b>	That the General Assembly and the Governor approve the establishment of a veterans' lottery as part of the Compact with Virginia's Veterans to supplement the General Fund's support of approved veteran's requirements, with any residual lottery funding reverting back to Education.
<b>JLC 2015-06</b>	That the Governor and General Assembly continue state support for the Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia veterans care center construction projects and continue certification of the availability of 35% state funding to match the federal grant funds, thereby maintaining both projects on the VA Priority List Group 1.